

Our police forces are doing a very outstanding job, most especially in Dallas, Texas. However, prosecuting criminals is not enough. We also need to work on preventing future violence.

I am a strong supporter of law enforcement, but I do believe in prevention. It is less costly.

HONORING THE CITY OF STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the city of Statesville for being selected Top Micropolitan of the Year by Site Selection Magazine.

Statesville is a dynamic town located in the foothills of North Carolina at the intersections of Interstate 77 and 40. This charming city is characterized by beautiful buildings, historic homes, clean air, a pleasant weather climate, terrific quality of life, and incredibly friendly people. It has been named by Site Selection Magazine as the number one small town in America for attracting new industry.

Agriculture thrives in Statesville, as does business, technology, and manufacturing. The Statesville Airport is the home base of many NASCAR teams that are based in Iredell County. Because of the wide variety of industries in Statesville, the town is known for its outstanding economic development and widely skilled local workforce.

By being selected Top Micropolitan, Statesville has demonstrated that there is no better place to live or work than northwest North Carolina. I am proud to represent Statesville and all of the other great cities located in the Fifth Congressional District.

FILIBUSTER SHOULD NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF NOMINEES

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, it is kind of hard to see justice served in this Nation when our Federal bench has vacancies on it. That is why the President has put forward a number of highly qualified, highly skilled people to serve on the Federal bench.

However, Senate Democrats do not like these judges. They have conspired to block judges using the filibuster. That means a nominee requires the approval not of 51 Senators, which the Constitution requires, a majority; but 60 Senators, a supermajority.

So Republicans would like to restore the tradition of the Senate approving the President's judicial nominations by requiring an up-or-down vote. This is called the Constitutional Option, because it empowers Senators to vote on judicial nominees, up or down. The rule change will apply only to judicial nominees.

It actually has been used before by Democrats. In 1995, 19 currently serving Democratic Senators voted to end all filibusters, and Senator ROBERT BYRD has tried to amend use of the filibuster several times.

As long as there is a Senate, there will be a filibuster and other delaying tactics available to thwart the majority and legislation. But as long as the Constitution directs the Senate to vote on judicial nominees, the filibuster will not stand in the way.

SUPPORTING JANICE ROGERS BROWN ON HER NOMINATION TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the nomination to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals of Janice Rogers Brown.

In the discussion over the filibuster, much has been lost with respect to the individuals who have been nominated, that is, who they are as real people.

Janice Rogers Brown is an outstanding member of the California Supreme Court. As attorney general of the State of California, I had the opportunity to review her record and on two occasions to vote to put her on the appellate court and then on the California Supreme Court.

She has worked in various different areas in the legal field. One of the outstanding periods of her work was as legal affairs secretary to Governor Pete Wilson, who on many occasions commented on the outstanding job she did for him, the tremendous legal mind she had, and the ability for her to listen to all sides and then come to a considered opinion.

Mr. Speaker, in the effort to resolve the problem in the other body, I hope that Janice Rogers Brown will not be left behind. She is an outstanding candidate, someone who would do well to serve on the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals, and someone who has had an outstanding record as a member of the California Supreme Court.

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH BIGGER AND BETTER IN TEXAS

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, being from Texas, I am frequently asked, are things truly bigger in Texas? And the answer, of course, is yes. As you work your way down that list of cattle farms and oil wells, put a big checkmark next to biomedical research.

Mr. Speaker, in the State of Texas, the 15 members of the University of Texas system in the year 2004 contrib-

uted almost \$13 billion to the economy of the State. They created over 111,000 jobs between them.

Now, one of six medical research institutions in Texas is the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. Back in World War II when Baylor College of Medicine left for Houston, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School was started in an abandoned Army barracks; and from those humble beginnings, they have become a powerhouse in medical education, patient care, and research.

Mr. Speaker, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School boasts four Nobel Laureates. They have a new medical research tower which is being completed, and advances in medical imaging are going to be housed in that tower, as well as a new alliance for cellular signaling, to investigate how cells talk to each other will be housed in that building. With the acquisition of Zale Lipshy Hospital and St. Paul Hospital and the historic association with Parkland Memorial Hospital, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School has a total package.

So biomedical research, not only bigger, but better in Texas.

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PRISONER REENTRY

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on yesterday, I had the delightful experience of attending the very first meeting of the commission just established by the Governor of Illinois to look seriously at the whole question of prisoner re-entry, what to do with the 35,000, 36,000 people returning home from prison in our State. I want to commend the Governor of Illinois for his farsighted vision in looking at one of the pernicious problems facing urban America. We look forward to some productive action coming from that commission. Mr. Governor, I thank you.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Res. 142, celebrating and honoring Rotary International with a day of recognition.

As a Rotary member and past president of my hometown club, I can attest to the remarkable accomplishments of Rotary International, which was founded over 100 years ago, the world's first service club, and is now one of the largest nonprofit service organizations in the world. "Service above Self," the club's motto, has inspired members to provide humanitarian assistance and promote international good will. Rotary International funds club projects and sponsors volunteers around the